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1. FRG REACTIONS TO CALLAGHAN REMARKS HAVE BEEN LOW-KEY, EXPRESSING REGRET AT UK POSITION AND HOLDING OUT HOPE THAT BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC APPROACHES WILL SUCCEED IN CHANGING IT.

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2. FRG DEPUTY PRESS SPOKESMAN GRUENEWALD OCTOBER 8

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HAD FOLLOWING EXCHANGE WITH PRESS (INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION):
Q. LET US GET TO THE SUBJECT OF THE RAW MATERIALS CONFERENCE. AS IS KNOWN, GREAT BRITAIN HAS REFUSED TO LET THE EC REPRESENT ITS INTERESTS DURING THE ENVISAGED DIALOGUE BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL, OIL, AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNQUESTIONABLY THIS THREATENS TO BRING ABOUT A BREECH IN THE COOPERATION OF THE COMMUNITY. HAS THE CABINET DISCUSSED THIS POINT TODAY?
A. THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS REPORTED, AND THE CABINET HAS NOTED WITH GREAT REGRET, THE BRITISH POSITION YESTERDAY IN THE COUNCIL. . . .
IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT GREAT BRITAIN IN THE EC CIRCLE DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE ITS INTERESTS REPRESENTED THROUGH THE EC; THIS RAISES PROBLEMS ALSO ABOUT THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE. THE NUMBER HAS BEEN MORE OR LESS FIXED. IF THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL COUNTRY, THEN THE FLOODGATES ARE OPENED. SO MUCH ABOUT THE PROCEDURAL POINT. BUT THE REAL PROBLEM LIES, OF COURSE, IN THE SUBJECT ITSELF. OF COURSE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL ENDEAVOR VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO CONVINCE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AFTER ALL TO BE REPRESENTED THROUGH THE EC RATHER THAN TO MARCH THERE ALONE.

3. SAME DATE, FORMINISTRY STATE SECRETARY WISCHNEWSKI TOLD PRESS THAT HE REGRETS UK DECISION BUT DOES NOT REGARD IT AS FINAL WORD.

4. LOCAL PRESS HAVE GIVEN STRONG COVERAGE TO NEGATIVE REACTIONS TO CALLAGHAN STATEMENT.
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